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SUBJ: USIS REFUGEE SURVEYS 1970.

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS (STATE) AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL (USIA) PLUS STATE, USIA AND AID COUNTRY OFFICERS MET INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS MEANS OF HANDLING SENATE REFUGEE SUB-COMMITTEE STAFFER'S REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF SUBJECT SURVEYS. WE REVIEWED SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO SHAKESPEARE OF JAN 6, AS WELL AS DCM STEARNS' LETTER TO PRATT OF JAN 5, AND AGREED THAT PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTING INTERNAL MISSION DOCUMENTS IS IMPORTANT. ALSO NOTED THAT IN THIS CASE WE ARE DEALING WITH ROUGH, TRUNCATED SURVEYS NOT SANCTIONED OR CLEARED BY RLG. WE RECOGNIZED THAT SUB-COMMITTEE STAFF IS WELL AWARE OF

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EXISTENCE OF THESE SURVEYS AND COULD POSSIBLY TRY TO SUBPOENA THEM. OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT WE WOULD BE IN A FAR STRONGER POSITION IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY WERE WE ALREADY TO HAVE PROVIDED THE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH ESSENTIAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE TWO SURVEYS. WE WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S RIGHT TO GENERAL INFORMATION ON REFUGEE MATTERS AND ITS REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC INTERNAL DOCUMENT.

2. WE DO NOT THINK THAT ONLY QUOTE SHOWING UNQUOTE THE DOCUMENTS IS APPROPRIATE SINCE THIS PROCEDURE USUALLY RESERVED FOR HIGHLY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. MOREOVER, WE DOUBT THIS WOULD SERVE TO SATISFY THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S WISHES.

3. THERE IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT STONEWALLING THE REQUESTS IS UNWISE AS IT WOULD INFLATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE EYES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OUT OF ALL PROPORTION AND WOULD, MOREOVER, PROBABLY BE UNSUCCESSFUL.

4. AFTER WEIGHING THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF VARIOUS OPTIONS, CONSENSUS HERE IS THAT FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES ARE REDUCED TO FOLLOWING: (A) PROVIDE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF SURVEYS, OR (B) PROVIDE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF SURVEYS THEMSELVES UNDER APPROPRIATE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROLS.

5. IN LINE WITH NORMAL CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS PRACTICES, OUR DESIRE IS TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE CURRENTLY INCLINED TO FIRST ALTERNATIVE BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WOULD NOW SEE ADVANTAGE IN THE SECOND AFTER BALANCING OFF VARIOUS CONSEQUENCES. WE WISH TO HAVE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON FOREGOING BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

6. DOCUMENTS WE HOLD AND ARE CONSIDERING FOR HANDLING UNDER ONE OF ABOVE ALTERNATIVES ARE THOSE FORWARDED IN AMBASSADOR'S LETTER: ALBERT MEMO OF MARCH 10 AND BARNES MEMO OF JULY 1970 PLUS ENCLOSURES.

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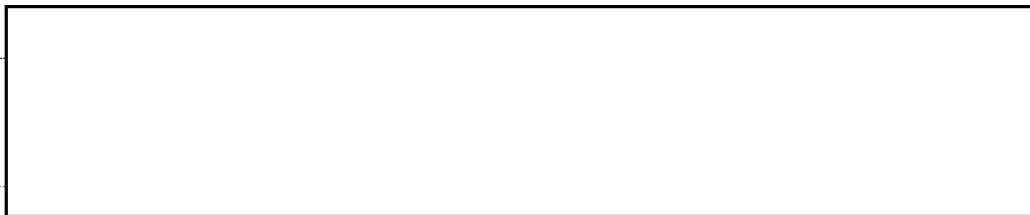
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1. AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING OF 33RD SESSION OF COUNCIL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION, USDEL CONGRESSIONAL ADVISER DALE DE HAAN READ PERSONAL MESSAGE OF SENATOR KENNEDY IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, HE RECOMMENDED THAT ICEM APPROACH SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON QUESTION OF PLANNED MIGRATION AT LEAST FOR SOVIET CITIZENS WHO WISH TO JOIN THEIR RELATIVES ELSEWHERE.
2. MESSAGE REFERRED TO QUOTE GROWING DEMAND AMONG SOVIET CITIZENS FOR THE RIGHT OF FREE EMIGRATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES UNQUOTE AND QUOTE STATED MANY THOUSANDS OF JEWS, ESPECIALLY -- BUT OTHER SOVIET CITIZENS AS WELL -- HAVE LEGALLY PETITIONED THEIR GOVERNMENT FOR EXIT PERMITS, AND A FEW, IN THEIR DESPERATION HAVE EVEN TRIED TO FLEE UNQUOTE.
3. ISRAELI DELEGATE TO COUNCIL AMBASSADOR KIDRON THEN TOOK UP THEME, REFERRING TO LARGE NUMBER OF JEWS SUFFERING IN THE SOVIET UNION AND COMMENDED SENATOR KENNEDY'S VIEWS TO THE COUNCIL AND ICEM'S DIRECTOR (USCIT) JOHN THOMAS.
4. COUNCIL SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN RECOMMENDATION IN STRIDE AND, SO FAR, ONLY DELEGATE OF NETHERLANDS (KRAAN) HAS MENTIONED IT

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TO USDEL INQUIRING INFORMALLY HOW SENATOR THOUGHT RECOMMENDATION
COULD BE CARRIED OUT. USDEL MADE CLEAR TO KRAAN THAT MESSAGE
WAS ENTIRELY PERSONAL VIEW OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
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